

## Message Text

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DESIRED DISTRIBUTION  
AGRICULTURE FAS AND OFFICE OF BUDGET, PLANNING AND EVALUATION  
-----077882 110644Z /13S  
R 102131Z APR 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: AODE

SUBJECT: MODE - TRANSFER OF USDA/FAS FOREIGN NATIONAL  
POSITION

REF: (A) DAMASCUS 1618 (NOTAL), (B) 77 BELGRADE 6035  
(NOTAL, (C) 77 STATE 299479 (NOTAL)

1. US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) HAS REQUESTED  
AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER ONE FOREIGN NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL  
POSITION OF USDA'S FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE (FAS)  
FROM BELGRADE TO DAMASCUS. REF. A, PARA 1E CONTAINS EN-  
DORSEMENT OF COM DAMASCUS OF INCREASE OF ONE FAS FN  
POSITION. WASHINGTON MODE RECORDS INDICATE A FN SLOT HAS  
BEEN VACANT AT BELGRADE FOR SOME TIME, AND THAT THIS  
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TRANSACTION WILL LEAVE FAS/BELGRADE WITH 2 US, 2 FN PO-  
SITIONS AUTHORIZED. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS CONSTI-  
TUTES MODE SYSTEM APPROVAL FOR THE CHANGE.

2. WHILE REF. C WHICH APPROVED TRANSFER OF ONE USDA/FAS  
FN SECRETARIAL POSITION FROM CANBERRA TO DAMASCUS INDICA-  
TED THAT ACTION BROUGHT AUTHORIZED FAS LEVEL AT DAMASCUS

TO TWO FN. CHECK WITH USDA CONFIRMS FSL SLOT (FOR KIZIRIAN)

WAS NEVER MOVED FROM BEIRUT, SO THAT THE SECRETARIAL  
POSITION WAS IN FACT THE FIRST FAS FN POSITION AUTHORIZED  
FOR DAMASCUS. THEREFORE, CURRENT TRANSFER OF THE FAS FN  
PROFESSIONAL POSITION FROM BELGRADE BRINGS THE FAS AUTH-  
ORIZED LEVEL AT DAMASCUS TO ONE US, TWO FN. VANCE

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